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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director of Operations 15 March 1956

THROUGH : Deputy Project Director

SUBJECT : Weather Briefings and Weather Personnel

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REFERENCES : a. Memo for Dir of Ops from [REDACTED] dated 13 March 56, "Weather Support" (SAPC-4434)
b. Memo to [REDACTED] 13 March 56 re his Assignment to Weather Central. Secret
c. Note to Mr. Bissell, 14 March 56, from Col. [REDACTED] Secret

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1. I concur in [REDACTED] and your recommendation as to the method of providing weather briefings. I understand this is to the effect that Weather Central personnel will provide all briefings.

2. I also concur in your recommendation in reference c. to the effect that [REDACTED] be released to the Weather Central but that Colonel [REDACTED] be retained on the T/O of this Headquarters as Weather Officer. I agree with you that it would probably be desirable for you to allow Colonel [REDACTED] to spend the greatest percentage of his time at the Weather Central. On the other hand, I feel as you do that we should have under our control a senior officer of his caliber who can serve as a staff officer and consultant on all weather matters. I might add that our discussions during the last twenty-four hours concerning our cover arrangements seem to me to lend emphasis to this point. We have now undertaken to perform on a continuing basis missions the sole purpose of which will be the acquisition of data to serve as the basis for meteorological research, current forecasting, and climatological study. This makes it all the more desirable that you should have on your staff an officer who could monitor these aspects of our operation. If you agree with this view, I believe this duty should be added to [REDACTED] responsibilities.

3. May I in connection with the above points take this occasion to express my extremely high opinion of [REDACTED]. He seems to me to have performed an invaluable service for us and to be a highly competent officer.

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1-Addressee w/references a.b.c

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3-Dep. Pro. Dir

4-Dir. of Admin

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RICHARD M. BISSELL, JR.

Project Director

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